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2400 hrs Kamchatka time, 11 May 1945. Naval chart 949, published 1935, Petropavlovsk, Kamchatka.

I, Major Reva, a representative of the USSR Border Troops, from the interrogation of the US aircraft's crew and from the observations of the Border detail have established that:

A US aircraft, type "B-25 Mitchell", factory number 336158, departed on a course of 259 degrees from the Attu Island naval base at 1600 hrs, 11 May 1945. It was in a formation of 8 aircraft of the same type under the overall command of the Squadron Commander, Sr. Lieutenant LOTRII. The mission was to bomb military targets in the area of Kataoka Bay and on the island of Shumushu. On approach to the target, the aircraft came under heavy artillery fire. A shell pierced the middle part of the fuselage and exploded inside the aircraft. As a result of this, one person was killed and another was slightly wounded.

The bomb load was dropped on the target. In view of the facts that the aircraft was damaged and one of the crew was wounded, the aircraft commander decided to land in the Petropavlovsk area. As his radio operator had been killed and the radio equipment was damaged, he did not report his decision to base.

At 2100 hrs the aircraft violated the USSR State Border at coordinates 52 degrees 47' 45" North latitude by 158 degrees, 45' East longitude. It flew to the Kamchatka Peninsula where it landed at Yelizovo airfield at 2119 hrs.

The aircraft was unsuccessfully fired upon by a coastal battery of the Pacific Ocean Fleet in the area of Petropavlovsk.

At 2100 hrs, fighters launched and rendezvoused with the US aircraft in the area of Petropavlovsk and led it to the airfield.

The aircraft crew consisted of:

1. Aircraft Commander Lieutenant HUBERT WINTER
21 years
2. Copilot IVAN TAYLOR
21 years
3. Navigator Lieutenant ROBERT DAVIE
25 years
4. Gunner Sergeant FLOYD
SARUEEN 20 years
5. Flight Engineer Sergeant TAKSON
BABB 20 years
All are in good health and were interned by a representative of the Border Troops.

6. Bombardier Sr. Lieutenant ERNEST STISEL
24 years
Lightly wounded in the right leg. Patient is in satisfactory condition. Admitted to field hospital for treatment.

7. Radio operator Sergeant PAVEL
UTCHEK 25 years
KIlled. The body is in the field hospital for an autopsy, after which it will be buried.

Representative of the Border Forces
of the USSR - Major:- [signature] (Reva)
Commander of US Aircraft No. 36158
Lieutenant:- [signature] (Hubert Winter)
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